

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
In the DO/EO/US

In re the Application of:

Tatsuya OKUI et al.

Art Unit: not yet assigned

Application No.: not yet assigned

Examiner: not yet assigned

Filed: July 19, 2006

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12143-0004

For: PIPE OR TUBE REDUCING MILL AND ROLL FOR REDUCING MILL (as amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 19, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.**

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 7.**